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SUBJECT: AEROAMERICA SCHEDULED SERVICE TO SAARBRUECKEN

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1. CONCUR IN EMBASSY VIEWS RETEL.

2. WE SPOKE TO AEROAMERICA REP MATHUS APRIL 22 AND REMINDED HIM OF SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS THAT ALLIED AUTHORITIES AND THE ALLIED AIR CARRIERS BEAR TOWARD BERLIN TRAVELING PUBLIC. MATHUS SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT AND THAT HE TOOK SERIOUSLY THESE OBLIGATIONS. HE ADDED THAT, REGRETTABLY, THE LEASED BAC 1-11 AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS TO HAVE ARRIVED IN BERLIN APRIL 13 WAS STILL IN THE US. AEROAMERICA PRESIDENT JOEL EISENBERG HAD RECENTLY SENT TELEX STATING DELIVERY OF BAC 1-11 HAS BEEN DELAYED. MATHUS LEFT IMPRESSION HE WAS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH POSITION OF HIS BOSS AND WOULD PREFER TO HAVE F-27 TO BE PUT INTO SERVICE IMMEDIATELY.

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3. IN VIEW OF UNDESIRABLE LOCAL IMPACT THAT INTRODUCTION

OF LESS THAN ANTICIPATED SERVICE WILL HAVE, WE THINK WE SHOULD HAVE PRIVATE WORD WITH SENAT ABOUT THIS PROSPECT AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT AS POSSIBLE. ACCORDINGLY, WE AKED MATHUS NOT TO SAY ANYTHING EITHER TO PRESS OR TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES HERE UNTIL AFTER HE HAS SPOKEN WITH US. HE AGREED. SINCE PROPOSED SERVICE TO SAARBRUECKEN WAS ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR, AEROAMERICA HAS BEEN TELLING PRESS THAT COMMENCEMENT DATE WOULD BE RELEASED TO PUBLIC SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE. MATHUS IS ADHERING TO THIS LINE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ADHERENCE TO THE JUNE 1 STARTING DATE WOULD OBVIOUSLY FORCE AN ABBREVIATION OF THE SIX WEEK PERIOD.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT EMBASSY APPROVE OUR INFORMING SENAT OF LIMITED SAARBRUECKEN SERVICE AS SOON AS FRENCH AND BRITISH CONCURRENCE IS OBTAINED.GEORGE

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